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SUBJ: REQUESTS FOR CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS

PROMINENT GOVERNMENT, CULTURAL, ACADEMIC AND MEDIA LEADERS, HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN SEEING U.S. INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS IN CULTURAL SPHERE, WHERE SOVIETS AND EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES HAVE ASSERTED GREAT INFLUENCE, MAINTAINING HIGH PROFILE TO DATE. CONSIDERING EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS OF RECENT U.S. CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS JOSE LIMON DANCE TROUPE AND NEW ENGLAND RAGTIME JAZZ ENSEMBLE WHICH RECEIVED STANDING OVATIONS FROM AUDIENCES RANGING BETWEEN 700-1,400, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT CAN USE CULTURAL PROGRAMS TO MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT STUDY FEASIBILITY OF SCHEDULING IN LISBON AS MANY OF FOLLOWING GROUPS AS POSSIBLE. IN EACH INSTANCE, EMBASSY WOULD REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

I. U.S. CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR EUROPE IN 1975-76:

(A) DANCE TROUPES

MERCE CUNNINGHAM

MARTHA GRAHAM

ALVIN AILEY

NEW YORK CITY BALLET

(B) INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS

BOSTON MUSICA VIVA (NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PORTUGAL)

CLEVELAND QUARTET (NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PORTUGAL)

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HERITAGE HALL JAZZ BAND

II. OTHER CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS SUGGESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

(A) MUSICAL THEATER

LA MAMA EXPERIMENTAL THEATER

"DON'T BOTHER ME I CAN'T COPE" COMPANY

DANCE

TAP ROOTS: THE ART OF JAZZ DANCE (NEW YORK)

(B) VOCALISTS

MAHALIA JACKSON

BETTY ALLEN

ROBERTA FLACK

HELEN REDDY

(C) INSTRUMENTALISTS

ISAAC STERN (VIOLINIST)

ANDRE WATTS (PIANIST)

(D) INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS

(JAZZ/FOLK/ROCK)

ALL WOMEN'S JAZZ BAND OF NEW YORK (EVALUATION REQUESTED)

DAVE BRUBECK JAZZ ENSEMBLE

SANTANA ABRAXAS ROCK BAND

STAR SPANGLED WASHBOARD BAND (EVALUATION REQUESTED)

STAN GETZ JAZZ ENSEMBLE

DIZZY GILLESPIE BIG BAND

NEW YORK JAZZ REPERTORY COMPANY

ELVIN JONES QUINTET

(CLASSICAL)

LASALLE STRING QUARTET

JUILLIARD STRING QUARTET

SONI VENTORUM WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

(E) SPORTS

HARLEM GLOBE TROTTERS

A FIRST-CLASS UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL AND/OR SOCCER TEAM

(F) ART EXHIBITS

NEW YORK MODERN MUSEUM OF ART POSTER EXHIBIT

GROUP EXHIBIT OF 3 CURRENTS IN U.S. ART: DEKOONING,

RAUSCHENBERG, EDWARD HOPPER

LIGHT FLOORS BY LILA KATZEN.

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